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REMARKS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 15, 22, 31 and 35. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added and claims 5-12, 14-19, 21-29 and 30-35 are currently pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Examiner Objections – Drawings

The Drawings were objected to because Figures 1-3 should be designated with a legend of "Prior Art" and because the reference character "310" has been used to designate both Internet Service Provider and PSTN. In response, the Applicant is submitting "formal" replacement sheets with the corrections. The Examiner's approval of these drawings is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5-12, 14-19 and 21-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As the Examiner has suggested, claims 15 and 31 have been rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as set forth in the Office Action. Claim 15 has been amended to correct the incorrect wording regarding "terminating visited network". "The system of claim "30" phrase in claim 31 was overlooked in the last response and should not have been included in claim 31. The Applicant has deleted the inaccurate phrase. Also, in claim 35, the system of claim "20" is a typographical error and has been corrected to read the system of claim "30".

Claim 21 is corrected to depend from independent claim 31 and by correcting the dependency of claim 21, the dependency of claims 22, 23 and 28 are now correct. The Applicant respectfully submits that the statement in the previous response that claim 30 depends from claim 31 was inaccurate. Claim 30 actually depends from claim 28 and indirectly from claim 31.

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Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant notes with appreciation the conditional allowance of claims 15 and 31.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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